

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

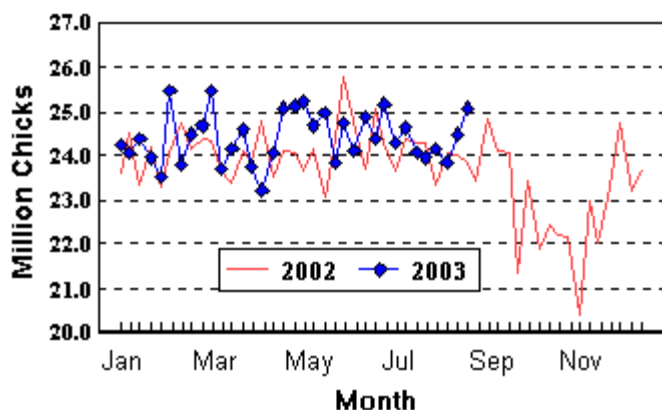
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.1 million during the week ending August 30, 2003. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 30, 2003 were 854.5 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.4 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

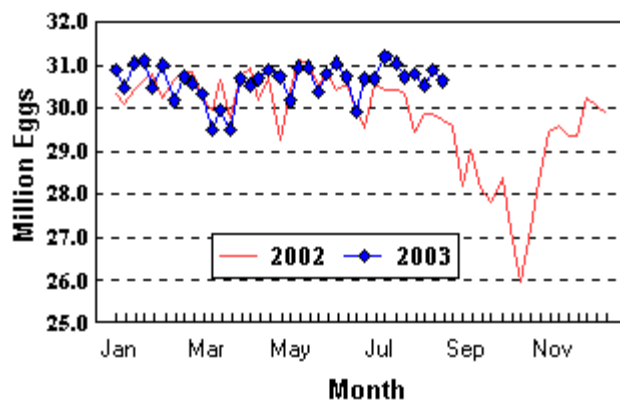
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 30, 2003, up 3 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jul. 26	24,316	24,079	99	24,529	25,245	103	30,422	31,054	102
Aug. 2	24,298	23,944	99	25,242	25,150	100	30,322	30,749	101
Aug. 9	23,352	24,152	103	25,045	25,555	102	29,454	30,785	105
Aug. 16	24,059	23,866	99	25,003	25,442	102	29,877	30,529	102
Aug. 23	23,997	24,485	102	24,832	25,399	102	29,869	30,884	103
Aug. 30	23,880	25,063	105	24,211	25,387	105	29,734	30,646	103

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	09-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug		26-Jul	02-Aug	09-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	
Alabama	29,273	29,323	29,056	28,711	99	21,796	21,554	21,919	21,844	22,084	21,812	106
ARKANSAS	30,785	30,529	30,884	30,646	103	24,079	24,027 *	24,152	23,866	24,485	25,063	105
Delaware	3,877	3,948	4,057	3,837	112	5,346	5,144	4,726	4,744	4,733	5,307	96
Florida	1,353	1,354	1,354	1,353	64	1,894	1,587	1,616	1,654	1,727	1,716	81
Georgia	32,554 *	32,118	32,277	31,960	101	25,391	25,548	26,285	26,217	25,316 *	26,060	101
Kentucky	6,831	6,736	6,715 *	6,779	104	5,179	5,733	5,863	6,107	6,072 *	5,808	107
Maryland	9,402	9,249	9,274	9,293	92	5,541	5,985	6,568	6,584	6,539	5,714	91
Mississippi	19,194	19,187	18,882	18,327	100	15,904	16,534	16,433	16,292	16,415	16,228	102
N. Carolina	17,331 *	17,481	17,570	17,004	95	14,060	13,084	14,000	14,072	14,217	13,924	95
Oklahoma	6,490	5,979	6,061	6,349	95	4,537	4,501	5,235	5,401	4,325	4,297	104
Pennsylvania	3,738	3,607 *	3,735 *	3,755	103	2,770	2,822	2,919	2,824 *	2,819 *	2,632	96
S. Carolina	4,393	4,535	4,375	4,635	95	4,014	4,460	3,608	4,145	4,213	4,009	97
Texas	14,482	14,413	14,479	14,508	101	12,275	12,131	12,309	12,221	11,960	11,958	107
Virginia	6,472	6,432	6,411	6,333	100	5,369	5,138	5,146	5,108	5,190	5,325	120
CA,LA,MO,IN,WV	20,316	20,350	20,754	19,922	102	18,818	18,812	18,853	17,977	18,613	18,522	94
Total 2003	206,491 *	205,241 *	205,884 *	203,412		166,973	167,060 *	169,632	169,056 *	168,708 *	168,375	
Total 2002	205,483	206,097	204,776	204,042		167,733	169,884	168,467	168,271	168,773	166,470	
%Prev. Year	100	100	101	100		100	98	101	100	100	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	04-Oct	11-Oct	18-Oct	

\* Revised .      1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 203 million eggs during the week ending August 30, 2003. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 30, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 30, 2003 were 5.89 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.